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SUJB: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA: DUTCH RELUCTANCE

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SUMMARY: THE DUTCH REFUSED TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES HERE  
IN THE LATEST DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT WITH OTHER EMBASSIES  
REPRESENTING THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.  
THIS MESSAGE SETS OUT WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS BYPLAY IN  
THE EVENT THE BRITISH, WHOSE EMBASSY HERE FOUND THE  
DUTCH ATTITUDE VERY PERPLEXING, RAISE IT WITH ADDRESSEES.  
END SUMMARY.

1) IN IMPLEMENTING THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A,  
WE HAD A NUMBER OF DISUCSSIONS WITH OUT COUNTERPARTS IN  
THE BRITISH, CANADIAN, JAPANESE AND DUTCH EMBASSIES HERE.  
THE BRITISH AND JAPANESE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE  
THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES. THE CANADIANS AND DUTCH  
WERE UNINSTRUCTED. THE BRITISH, JAPANESE AND WE OURSELVES  
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MADE PRESENTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT TO THE MFA'S UN DESK

OFFICER, KLAUS KAPEL. WE AND THE JAPANESE HAD ALSO SOUGHT, AND ULTIMATELY RECEIVED, APPOINTMENTS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO CALL ON MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, OTTO BORCH, WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TO THE OSLO MEETING OF NRDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2) BECAUSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DANISH CHIEFS OF MISSION HERE AUGUST 18-20, THERE WAS SOME DOUBT WHETHER BORCH WOULD BE AVAILABLE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR OSLO. THE BRITISH, CANADIANS, JAPANESE AND WE CONSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT EACH WOULD INFORM KAPEL, AND BORCH IF REACHED, THAT WE HAD COORDINATED OUR DEMARCHES AND WERE SPEAKING FOR EACH OTHER.

3) THE DUTCH CHARGE, WHO HAD BEEN OUT OF DENMARK AT THE TIME OF THE JULY MEETING HERE ON THE SAME SUBJECT (REF B), WAS NOT ONLY UNINSTRUCTED BUT UNINFORMED AND TELEPHONED THE HAGUE FOR ADVICE. THE QUESTION HE SPECIFICALLY PUT WAS: COULD HE PERMIT THE DUTCH EMBASSY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A JOINT DEMARCHE WHICH ESSENTIALLY ASKED THE DANES (1) TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND OPPOSE THE HOSTILE ONE, AND (2) NOT TO PURSUE AN ATTEMPT TO ACT AS MEDIATOR TO SEEK A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS. THE HAGUE INSTRUCTED HIM NOT TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF OR THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WITH SUCH A DEMARCHE.

4) COMMENT: THIS BYPLAY IS RECOUNTED IN SOME DETAIL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDRESSEES WITH BACKGROUND IN THE EVENT THE SUBJECT IS RAISED BY THE BRITISH. THEIR EMBASSY HERE FOUND THE DUTCH ATTITUDE SO PERPLEXING THAT THEY ARE COMMITTING ON IT TO THE FCO AND EMBASSIES IN THE CAPITALS CONCERNED.

5) WE RECALL THE EARLIER DUTCH RETICENCE ON THIS ISSUE REPORTED REF B BUT HAVE NO READY EXPLANATION FOR THEIR POSITION. IT IS TRUE THAT PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT THIS WEEK TO THE NETHERLANDS. IT MAY ALSO BE TRUE THAT THE DUTCH MAY SOMEHOW REGARD THIS ISSUE AS ONE DEMANDING "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SOLIARITY".  
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BUT NEITHER EXPLANATION APPEARS ADEQUATE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF DUTCH WILLINGNESS TO CO-SPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.  
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